



WISCONSIN FARMLAND PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT
2024 ANNUAL CERTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Enclosed is your Annual Certification form. To maintain compliance for the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Tax Credit Program (FPP) you must complete the form and return it along with the \$25 certification fee to the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) by May 1, 2024.

IMPORTANT! DO NOT SEND IN YOUR ANNUAL CERTIFICATION WITHOUT HAVING A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN 590 CHECKLIST ON FILE WITH OUR OFFICE. Checklists must be submitted by June 30th of each year, or a Notice of Non-compliance will be issued, and you will no longer be eligible for the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit.

The Annual Certification fee is \$25 if submitted on or before May 1st. After May 1st through October 31st, a \$25 late fee will be added on to the Annual Certification, making your total Certification Fee \$50. Failure to certify by October 31st will result in a Notice of Non-compliance being issued and you will no longer be eligible for the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit.

Please make sure you read the back of the form and sign your name certifying you are following the program requirements.

If you have purchased or sold land or had a change in zoning, you will need to notify the Conservation Office to obtain a new Compliance Certificate to send to the Department of Revenue documenting your eligible acres.

IMPORTANT!

You CAN file your Wisconsin Income Tax Return prior to turning in your Annual Certification.

WE WILL RETURN YOUR ANNUAL CERTIFICATION AND FEE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS OCCUR:

- Your 590 Checklist is not on file with our office or is not for the current crop year
- You forgot to enclose your Annual Certification Fee or enclosed the incorrect amount
- Other errors and omissions

If you have questions regarding Farmland Preservation Program, please call (920) 674-7110.

2024 Farmland Preservation Annual Certification

Return to the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department
311 S Center Ave, Jefferson, WI 53549

Please enclose \$25 certification fee payable to LWCD if certifying on or before May 1, 2024

Please enclose \$50 certification fee payable to LWCD if certifying after May 1, 2024

(You must Annually Certify by October 31, 2024 or a Notice of Non-compliance will be issued and you will no longer be eligible for the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit.)

Landowner and Property Information

Landowner (Participant) Name _____

Landowner (Participant) Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Do you farm your own land? YES NO

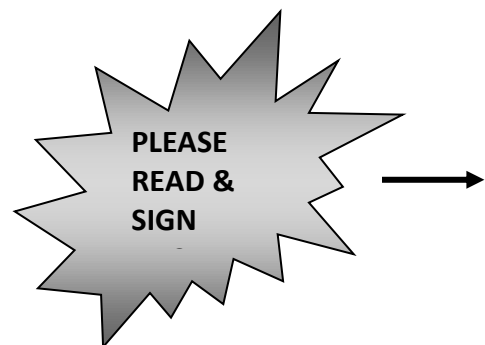
If **NO**, who rents your farm? _____

Is there livestock on your farm (even if it's not yours)? YES NO

If **YES**, please list the type and number (e.g. 10 steers, 40 chickens):

Is there pastureland **currently** in use as grazing land on your farm? YES NO

Office Use
Check #:
Date:



State of Wisconsin Conservation Standards

To qualify for the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program, each participant must meet the Conservation Standards on their farm as listed below.

After reading the Standards, sign below if you are complying or are willing to come into compliance by a date determined by Conservation Department Staff*.

Conservation Standards for all Farms (both grain and livestock operations):

- A soil and water conservation plan is being followed
- There is a current nutrient management plan being followed
- There are no unused manure storage structures on my farm
- Cropland must be managed to include a minimum setback of 5 feet from the top of the channel of surface water where no tillage can occur, and 70% self-sustaining vegetative cover is maintained to ensure bank integrity.

In addition to the above Conservation Standards, farms with livestock must comply with the following:

- If there is a manure storage facility on my farm constructed after 2002, it meets NRCS Standards, has no visible signs of leakage or failure, and is maintained to prevent overflow
- All clean water runoff has been diverted away from all feedlots, manure storage areas and barnyards within Water Quality Management Areas (WQMA = areas within 300 feet of streams, rivers, or wetlands and within 1000 feet of lakes and in areas susceptible to ground water contamination such as wells and sinkholes)
- There are no unconfined manure piles in a WQMA
- Streambanks and lakeshores where animals have access have self-sustaining sod or vegetative cover to preserve bank integrity
- There are no channels or other indicators of significant discharge from a feedlot or stored manure into waters of the State
- Pastures must be included in your nutrient management plan unless exceptions outlined in State Statute are met
- There is no significant discharge of processed waste water to waters of the State from feed storage, milk house waste or other sources.

****If you feel you are not in compliance with any of the above standards, please contact the Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department at (920) 674-7110 to discuss how to achieve compliance.***

By signing below, I certify I am complying or willing to come into compliance with the State of Wisconsin Conservation Standards.

Signature

Date